

**REGULAR MEETING
LABOR EDUCATION & TRAINING
April 24, 2008
Tribal Office Board Room**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call: Chairperson Regina Washinawatok called the meeting to order at 3:55p.m. Roll call was taken with quorum present. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairperson Regina Washinawatok, Lynette Miller, Elaine Peters (Virginia Nuske), Melissa Cook (Dr. Verna Fowler), Karen Washinawatok (4:03p.m.), Dan Hinkfuss (Wendell Waukau) and Shannon Chapman. **MEMBER ABSENT:** Anthony Waupochick Sr. (excused), Michael Skenandore and Carol Dodge.

2. Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was observed.

3. Approval of minutes dated March 31, 2008 –

We did not have enough members present who attended the March 31st meeting to approve the minutes.

Motion made by Lynnette Miller to table the minutes dated March 31, 2008. Second was made by Elaine Peters. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5-for, 0-opposed, 0-abstentions, 4-absent (Waupochick, Skenandore, Dodge and K. Washinawatok).

4. Classroom Recognition A) Sub-Committee Report –

Karen Washinawatok – 4:03 p.m.

Chairperson Washinawatok went over information as to who is on this sub-committee. Looking back at the minutes it looked like Wendell Waukau, Virginia Nuske, Carol Dodge and Gary Besaw were all on the sub-committee. Chairperson Washinawatok did not know if this sub-committee has had a meeting yet. Legislator Miller wanted to know what the sub-committee was for; Chairperson Washinawatok explained that the committee was formed to have a classroom recognized each month in the Tribal News. The committee would decide criteria for classroom selection.

Motion made by Lynnette Miller to table the Classroom Recognition. Second was made by Elaine Peters. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 6-for, 0-opposed, 0-abstentions, 3-absent (Waupochick, Skenandore and Dodge).

5. Motions from General Council –

Lynnette Miller questioned what Frieda Bergeon meant from her general council motion that stated “to have a conference on Tribal documents names and to include the Menominee Indian School District students because it is important that we need male role-models in this Tribe”. There were several other committee attendees that were confused on this motion

also. The committee gave thoughts to what the motion could be referring to but in the end it was suggested by Shannon Chapman that we try and get in contact with Freda to see exactly she meant by her motion. Chairperson Washinawatok asked if Legislative Staff could try and contact her.

Motion made by Karen Washinawatok to table the motion from General Council. Second was made by Shannon Chapman. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 6-for, 0-opposed, 0-abstentions, 3-absent (Waupochick, Skenandore, Dodge).

6. Education Summit A) Sub-Committee Report –

Chairperson Washinawatok said at the last meeting the committee discussed the overall theme and direction of the summit being AODA and that this sub-committee had met twice so far. Wendell Waukau had mentioned about the AODA Cadre workgroup and Chairperson Washinawatok said that she was like to attend the next meeting. The Education Summit sub-committee consisted of four members whom were Robert Tucker, Wendell Waukau, Regina Washinawatok and Tony Waupochick. This committee was started a couple months ago. Now with re-organizing last month Chairperson Washinawatok wanted to know if there was anyone that would be interested in being a member of this committee. Dan Hinkfuss said that he would be interested on being a member of the committee if Wendell Waukau can't and Lynnette Miller offered to sit on the committee as well. Elaine Peters suggested that the committee should consider asking some youth from the High School also. Chairperson Washinawatok will be contacting Wendell Waukau to start getting a plan together.

7. Monthly Reports –

Chairperson Washinawatok opened the floor for any verbal monthly reports. There were a few departments that submitted their monthly reports which were CRC, Library and Education.

Karen Washinawatok gave a brief verbal monthly report on Language & Culture; she advised the committee that her program is coming along good. Karen also had a question on a monthly report last month from Historic Preservation saying they needed more staffing. What is the committee's plan to address this issue since it was not on the agenda for this meeting.

Shannon Chapman also gave a brief verbal monthly report for the Menominee Tribal School. Shannon talked about working with the East-West University. She gave a summary on how each teacher had their children working on a Sturgeon project and how they can preserve and protect them. There was an open house where a lot of community members came and were very impressed. The Tribal School will also be working with the

East-West University to come up with a unit to commemorate the Menominee Tribal Enterprise's 100th anniversary. This will help the students get educated on the forest industry. There are a number of parent events going on and the Tribal school sends letters out to all parents. Chairperson Washinawatok asked Shannon how she felt about the outcome when each class focused on the one event (Sturgeon). Shannon said that the kids were able to see the connection between what they were learning in different classrooms. This also made it more meaningful for the kids once they were able to see the results at the end of the week of all their projects. Shannon also gave a brief report on the Summer school events.

Dan Hinkfuss gave a brief description on the Adult Learning Center. They have been doing a lot of culture things with Ron Corn like tilling gardens and helping the Elder's. They have been taking more field trips to like UWGB. Dan also talked about how the Middle School 7th grade enrollment had declined.

Melissa Cook gave a brief verbal report on what Sustainable Development will be doing this summer. There will be workshops in June and July.

Elaine Peters gave a brief report for the Education Department. They have given twenty-eight GED test this month.

Melissa Cook had to leave 4:40 p.m.

Motion made by Elaine Peters to accept the monthly reports. Second was made by Dan Hinkfuss. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5-for, 0-opposed, 0-abstentions, 4-absent (Waupochick, Skenandore, Dodge, Cook).

8. Other Business –

There was no other business.

9. Adjournment –

Motion made by Karen Washinawatok/Shannon Chapman to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lisa Caldwell, Recorder/Transcriber
Chairman's Office